

64-Ft. Lap Pool and Spa

Features Resort-Type Amenities

PROJECT LOCATION

This award-winning pool and spa is located in Muttontown, New York, which is on Long Island on the North Shore of Nassau County in the Town of Oyster Bay.

BUILDER

The project was constructed by Haven Pools, Huntington, New York. Started by Karl and Muriel Bonawandt in 1968, Haven Pools has been exclusively a gunite pool builder and service company for the past 43 years. The family-owned business is now run by their son Craig, who worked summers for the company during his high school and college years. Although Karl retired in 1985, for many years he continued to work there whenever he was in town. Craig's son Patrick joined the business 10 years ago and continues to uphold the family's tradition of pool





and spa building excellence. Now in its third generation, Haven Pools constructs an average of 30 gunite pools a year.

PROJECT PARAMETERS

The project featured here is a 64-foot x 39-foot lap pool and spa that was designed by Kevin Murphy of Kean Landscaping, a landscape design/build firm located in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island.

The client wanted a lap pool, but with resort-type amenities that would include a fireplace with an outdoor living room, an awning room near the main house that overlooked the pool and spa and an oversized outdoor spa that would hold more than eight people. The backyard is large and inviting. Looking from the house to the back of the property, the land is level to the right, but slopes down on the left. Although there was ample room to



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locate the pool and spa project across the backyard, the client wanted it to run across the width of the yard so that the land to the rear of the project could be used for recreational purposes now and perhaps converted to a full tennis court sometime in the future.

The solution was to design an L-shaped pool with a bridge crossing over to the spa and outdoor living room at the back of the property. The views from both the main house and the spa are dramatic.

CHALLENGES

According to Craig Bonawandt, the biggest challenge of this pool and spa was the placement of all of its elements to meet the legal setback requirements. Bonawandt said that the back corner of the fireplace room was located first and the rest of the project was laid out from there.

"We had to pick those corners and then site everything else. In locating the various elements of this project,



there literally was not an inch to spare,” said Bonawandt. The fireplace room is frame construction with a slate roof and stone fireplace inside. All of the stone used on the project is Connecticut field stone.

Piers running the length of the pool and the bridge had to line up with the piers on the opposite side and the steps on the near side. There are actually two sets of steps, one on each side of the bridge. Around the bridge area, the water is deep, just in case someone jumps off of the bridge into the water.

Good, sandy Long Island earth presented no soil problems, according to Bonawandt. The area gets the whole gamut of soil, he said, except for bedrock. “We get some nasty clay on projects that needs to be dealt with,” he said. “The biggest problem with soil is with land that has received fill over the years. Of course, working near the Long Island shore, either on the Long

Island Sound or the Atlantic Ocean, there is always the challenge of de-watering the excavation.”

This project was a fall start and spring completion project. Work does progress over the winter, but at a much slower rate. Bonawandt explained that typically not much can get done except for the site work, footings and retaining walls.

PRODUCTS USED: Equipment used on the project included Pentair

pool equipment, sand filter, gas heater, pumps and lights. The pool cover is by Merlin.

AWARDS: Haven Pools won Gold Medals for this pool and spa project in both the Northeast Spa & Pool Association (NESPA) Design Award Competition and in the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) Design Competition. “Everyone was thrilled with the way this project turned out,” said Bonawandt. **I**

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